

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education have under consideration the *Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs (R16-21-SCHO)* promulgated pursuant to the authority conferred in Chapters 16-21 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended. These are regulations established for the purpose of setting minimum standards pertaining to school health programs in this state and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Proposed changes relate to the following issues: vision screening, healthier snacks and beverages, health and wellness subcommittees, and a healthful school environment.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Director will hold a public hearing on the above mentioned matter, in the AUDITORIUM of the Cannon Building (on the lower level), Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island on **TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2006 at 3:30 P.M.** at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the Cannon Building Auditorium will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

In the development of the rules and regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements to be made relative to any aspect of the regulations, including alternative approaches, or overlap be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: David R. Gifford, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Rhode Island Department of Health, #401 Cannon Building, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097.

Copies of the regulations are available for public inspection in the Cannon Building, Room #404, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, on the Department's website: www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php or the Secretary of State's website: www.sec.state.ri.us/rules by calling 401-222-1039, or by e-mailing: Elizabeth.Shelov@health.ri.gov

The Cannon Building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of Health Services Regulation at 401-222-1600 (Hearing/speech impaired, dial 711) at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Signed this 25th day of September 2006

David R. Gifford, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health

Signed this 25th day of September 2006

Peter McWalters
Commissioner of Elementary
and Secondary Education